



# ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

Friday Evening, January 09, 2009

## ***Electricity***

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### **NRG's 836 MW Limestone Coal-fired Unit 1 in Texas Shut January 9**

The unit was shut to repair a boiler tube leak. Electricity traders guessed the unit would be shut for a few days.

Reuters, 10:48 January 9, 2009

### **Entergy's 510 MW Vermont Yankee Nuke Unit in Vermont Reduced to 47 Percent by January 9**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of January 8 the unit was operating at full power. Information derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2009/>

## ***Petroleum***

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### **Chevron's Crude Pipeline Ruptured and Spilled about 59,000 Gallons of Crude in Utah January 7**

The pipeline ruptured about one mile west of Deseret Power's Bonanza Power Plant at about 11 PM local time on Bureau of Land Management Land. Cold temperatures kept the spill from spreading.

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/1.5143.705276150.00.html>

### **ConocoPhillips Cuts LPG Flow Rates on Pipeline at Pasadena, Texas Terminal January 9**

The rates were cut to fix a faulty "prover".

Bloomberg News, 07:52 January 9, 2009

## ***Natural Gas***

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### **Energy Transfer Partners's Southern Shale and Cleburne-Tolar Gas Pipelines in Service**

The pipelines provide 1 Bcf/d of natural gas from North Texas and boost the company's capacity from the Barnett Shale region to 4.6 Bcf/d. The Southern Shale pipeline transports 700 MMcf/d and the Cleburne-Tolar pipeline transports 400 MMcf/d.

[http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/home/permalink/?ndmViewId=news\\_view&newsId=20090108006306&newsLang=en](http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/home/permalink/?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20090108006306&newsLang=en)

### **Destin Pipeline Holds Binding Open Season for 380 MMcf/d Gas Pipeline**

The pipeline will originate from Mississippi and connect with Florida Gas Transmission, Gulf South and Gulfstream pipelines.

NGI's Daily Gas Price Index, 13:11 January 9, 2009

<http://intelligencepress.com/>

### **VRU at 65 MMcf/d Dollarhide Gas Processing Plant Shut January 8**

The unit was shut due to high oxygen levels entering the carbon dioxide plant.

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oce/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=118618>

## Love Booster Station in Martin County, Texas Shut January 8

The booster station shut on high discharge pressure and was restarted early this morning.

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oc/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=118626>

## Other News

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### Pacific Ethanol to Temporarily Suspend Production at its 40 MMgal/yr Ethanol Plant in California

Pacific Ethanol will suspend operations at the plant beginning on January 12, citing unfavorable market conditions for production ethanol.

[http://news.prnewswire.com/DisplayReleaseContent.aspx?ACCT=ind\\_focus.story&STORY=/www/story/01-09-2009/0004951955&EDATE=](http://news.prnewswire.com/DisplayReleaseContent.aspx?ACCT=ind_focus.story&STORY=/www/story/01-09-2009/0004951955&EDATE=)

### Explorer Pipeline Agrees to Pay Fines for Jet Fuel Spill Violating Clean Water Act

An interstate pipeline transporting jet fuel in Texas spilled over 6,500 barrels or 275,000 gallons on July 14, 2007.

EPA announced that Explorer Pipeline has agreed to pay a \$3.3 million civil penalty for the spill.

<http://news.prnewswire.com/DisplayReleaseContent.aspx?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/01-08-2009/0004951692&EDATE=>

### Michigan Governor Signs Bill Aimed to Prevent Illegal Sales of Stolen Copper

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm has signed legislation that will help prevent illegal sales and purchases of stolen copper and other metals. A person who knowingly buys or sells stolen scrap metal will be subject to felony penalties including imprisonment for up to five years or a fine of up to \$5,000 or both. Copper thefts have become a serious problem in many state communities, with vandals targeting abandoned dwellings, construction sites, junk yards, and utility property.

[http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-23442\\_21974-206355--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-23442_21974-206355--,00.html)

## Energy Prices

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U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
January 9, 2009			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
<b>CRUDE OIL</b> <b>West Texas Intermediate U.S.</b> \$/Barrel	40.31	39.25	97.25
<b>NATURAL GAS</b> <b>Henry Hub</b> \$/Million Btu	5.96	5.71	7.59

Source: Reuters

## Energy Notes

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### Update: Local, State and Federal Law Enforcement Officials Determine Threat Against Petro Marine Fuel Facility in Alaska was Not Credible

<http://www.military.com/news/article/coast-guard-news/threat-against-petro-deemed-noncredible.html?col=1186032366581>

### Explosion Reported at Xcel's 1,080 MW Tolk Coal-fired Plant in Texas – No Affect on Service January 8

[http://www.lubbockonline.com/stories/010809/loc\\_375040893.shtml](http://www.lubbockonline.com/stories/010809/loc_375040893.shtml)

## **NRC Completes Initial Acceptance Review Phase for UniStar's Proposed Nuclear Power Plants in the United States**

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/First-Wave-of-New-Reactor-bw-14008046.html>

## **Union Pacific Moves Record 204.6 Million Tons of Coal from Wyoming's Southern Powder River Basin in 2008, up 5 Percent from 2007**

[http://www.uprr.com/newsinfo/releases/service/2009/0107\\_sprb.shtml](http://www.uprr.com/newsinfo/releases/service/2009/0107_sprb.shtml)

## **Bruce Power Pulls Application for Nuke Plant in Alberta to Investigate Another Possible Location in Alberta**

<http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/business/breakingnews/37306509.html>

## **Somali Pirates Release Saudi-owned Two Million Barrel Crude Tanker Hijacked in Indian Ocean.**

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/africa/2009/01/200919125418898878.html>

## **Fishermen Protesting Rising Diesel Prices Lift Day-Long Blockade of Mexico's Salina Cruz Crude Terminal in Gulf of Mexico January 8**

Reuters, 21:55 January 8, 2009

## **Links**

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***This Week in Petroleum*** from the Energy Information Administration (EIA)

<http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/twip/twip.asp>

Updated every Wednesday.

***Weekly Petroleum Status Report*** from EIA

[http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil\\_gas/petroleum/data\\_publications/weekly\\_petroleum\\_status\\_report/wpsr.html](http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html)

Updated after 10:30 AM & 1:00 PM EST every Wednesday.

***Natural Gas Weekly Update*** from EIA

<http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/ngw/ngupdate.asp>

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